

REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated October 27, 2005 holds that this application contains claims directed to four patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I - Figures 1-5;

Species II - Figures 6-10;

Species III- Figures 11-14; and

Species IV - Figure 15-17.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that at least claims 1, 2, 9, 10, and 12-14 are generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the Species III illustrated in Figures 11-14 *without* traverse. Applicant believes that claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 12-14 read on Figures 11-14. Further, Applicant believes that claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, and 12-14 are generic.

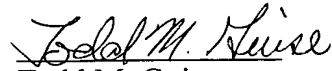
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 12-14 because they are believed to read on the elected species shown in Figures 11-14. Claims 7, 8, 11, and 15 are believed to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, these claims can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicant respectfully requests that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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